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FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR: POSSIBLE FURTHER SOIVET LEAK OF NOVEMBER 8  
PROPOSAL

WE UNDERSTAND FROM LOCAL MEDIA SOURCE THAT ON NOVEMBER  
19, SOVIET REP KHLESTOV GAVE BACKGROUND INTERVIEW ON SOVIET  
NOVEMBER 8 PROPOSAL TO LOCAL UPI CORRESPONDENT. SOVIETS  
PRESUMABLY DISAPPOINTED AT LIMITED PLAY THEIR FIRST LEAK RECEIVED  
AND ARE MAKING ANOTHER TRY FOR WIDER PUBLICITY. THIS INTERVIEW WILL  
INCREASE URGENCY OF RAPID NAC AGREEMENT TO TABLE ALLIED OUTLINE OF  
PROPOSALS. MAIN POINTS OF INTERVIEW FOLLOW:

A. KHLESTOV SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION FAVORS REDUCTIONS OF FORCES  
IN CENTRAL EUROPE, THE EXACT FIGURES OF SUCH REDUCTIONS ARE  
HOWEVER SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION.

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B. HE WOULD NOT DENY THAT AN EASTERN PROPOSAL EXISTS, BUT REFUSED TO GIVE DETAILS, POINTING OUT THAT THESE WERE SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS, AND POSITIONS SHOULD NOT BE LEAKED.

C. KHLESTOV SAID THAT NATIONAL FORCES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A FIRST PHASE. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESENT BALANCE OF FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE MUST BE MAINTAINED IN ANY CUT-BACK.

D. HE SAID THAT EACH SIDE HAD OVER THE PAST YEARS DEVELOPED A LEVEL OF MILITARY SUFFICIENCY FOR ITS OWN SECURITY. THE NEED FOR THESE DIFFERENT LEVELS IS ROOTED IN THE REQUIREMENTS OF POLITICAL STABILITY.

E. KHLESTOV SAID THAT IT IS WRONG TO DWELL IN THE TALKS ON THE DIFFERENCES. HE WAS DESCRIBED BY THE INTERVIEWED TO HAVE UNDERLINED THE POSITIVE AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE TALKS ARE TALKING PLACE IN A BUSINESS-LIKE MANNER.

F. FINALLY, AS FAR AS SUBSTANCE IS CONCERNED, KHLESTOV REPORTEDLY CALLED FOR QUICK AND SUCCESSFUL RESULTS, AND POINTED OUT THAT IT DEPENDED ON BOTH SIDES TO BRING ABOUT THESE RESULTS.HUMES

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